# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
# LOK SABHA

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National Policy on Marine Fisheries
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to review and revise the National Policy on Marine Fisheries;
(b) if so, the details thereof the reasons therefor;
(c) whether the Committee set up for the said purpose has started functioning;
(d) if so, the details and the present status thereof; and
(e) the details of the steps taken so far for the development of fresh water fish culture and a rich bio-diversity to harness aquaculture farming in the country?

## Answer

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE & FARMERS WELFARE:
(DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) & (b). Yes, Madam. A Committee under the chairmanship of Director General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (DG, ICAR) has been constituted on 28.07.2015 to suggest a draft National Policy on Marine Fisheries. The Committee shall consult all stakeholders and prepare a draft National Marine Fisheries Policy for the over-all development of marine fisheries in India and shall suggest a roadmap for its implementation.
(c) & (d) Yes, Madam. The said Committee has started functioning and the first meeting of the Committee was held on 06th Aug, 2015 at New Delhi, in which the Committee has identified the issues and action points relating to review of the existing policy and regulatory framework of the marine fisheries sector.
(e) For development of freshwater fish-culture and for promotion of aquaculture, assistance is provided to the fish farmers, fishery cooperatives, and Self Help Groups (SHG) etc. under the scheme "Development of Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture". Besides, the National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) also provides assistance for activities like construction of ponds and tanks, establishment of fish seed hatcheries, purchase of one time inputs like seed and feed for aquaculture, fish seed stocking in reservoirs, cold water fisheries development, mariculture, and training and skill development on various aquaculture activities.

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